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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Reclamation Biologist 

RE: Site Inspection, Thomas J. Clark and Company, Daddy Dearest Mine, S/015/046, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: September 26, 2002  
Time of Inspection: 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
Conditions: Clear, 70's  
Participants: Jeff McKenzie, BLM; Paul Baker, DOGM

#### Purpose of Inspection:

Mr. McKenzie and I were in the area for other reasons, and we decided to follow through on problems noted in earlier inspections.

#### Getting to the site:

Directions to the site are given in the report for the June 7, 2002, inspection.

#### Observations:

Part of this mine is a surface mine and part is a relatively shallow underground mine with two portals and a shaft. In the previous inspection, the shaft was partly open, and the operator was asked to close it. There is now no opening at the shaft, and most of the area is covered with what appears to be a thin layer of soil (Photo 1).

The portal gates have been locked and are relatively secure (Photos 2 and 3).

Photo 4 shows a breach in the berm at the edge of the portal pad. Although there is a steep slope below the breach, there was little sign of offsite sedimentation in the drainage by the county road.

There were several barrels and vehicle batteries in a pit (Photo 4). The barrels were open and appeared to be basically empty except for what I presume was rain water.

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**Conclusions and Recommendations:**

I have doubts about how well the shaft has been covered and how much weight the covering would support, but since it is fenced, there should not be too much danger. The portals are adequately secured.

The next time someone representing the operator is in the area, they should remove and recycle the batteries. If the oil barrels are empty, they should be turned upside down so rain water does not get in them.

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cc:

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Jeff McKenzie, State BLM Office

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ATTACHMENT

Photographs  
S/015/046  
Daddy Dearest Mine



Photo 1. Shaft.



Photo 2. One of the two portals.





Photo 3. The other portal.



Photo 4. Barrels and batteries.